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SUBJECT

Complaint of the proprietor of the City Tobacco Company Bangalore

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REPLY

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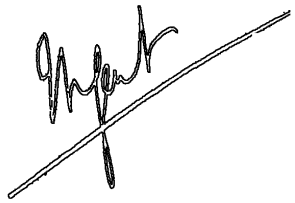

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE

Dated 25th June *1914*

Letter dated the 23rd June 1914 from the Editor of "The Karnataka" forwarding a representation from the Managing Proprietor of the Bangalore City Tobacco Company.

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Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, General and Revenue Departments, for favour of a note

By order,

Private Secretary to Dewan.

The enquiries Note should be submitted in 3 days

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D. O. No. 2-1517

THE "KARNATAKA"

A BI WEEKLY RECORD OF PROGRESS

BANGALORE CITY, S INDIA

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My dear Sir,

Enclosed herewith is something for your kind attention & early action I received it about a week back & I shd have sent it to you earlier It has evidently come to me for publication, but since I have written about it already once, I don't think there is need to give it publicity now I hope you will ~~find time~~ kindly make it convenient to go through it and arrange for its early disposal

With sincere regards

I am

Yours sincerely

TEL ADDRESS — "TICTIC" BANGALORE

HIGH-CLASS AND POPULAR CIGARETTES MADE OF PURE INDIAN TOBACCO

The City Tobacco Company,

626, Taluk Cutcherry Road,
Bangalore City, 1st June 1914

No. 92

GOODS WARRANTED
QUALITY STERLING
PRICES Moderate
TERMS FAVOURABLE
Satisfaction Guaranteed.
SAMPLES SUPPLIED
ENQUIRIES PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO
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NAVARATNA BANGALORE CITY

To

The Editor of The Karnataka,

BANGALORE

Dear Sir,

The Bangalore City Municipal Council having all of a sudden and without notice withheld one of the amount of refund of Octroi duty due to me under the rules and regulations in force, I submitted a complaint of this grievance by telegram on the 25th February last and by registered post on the 26th idem and also urged the same personally before Dewan Saheb Simultaneously I sent up all papers to you when you were pleased to make some short remarks in the issue of 28th February Learning at the next stage that the petition was being dealt with in the Secretariat, I approached two Secretaries and was told that the matter was under correspondence with the Municipality At the third stage when Dewan Saheb presided at a meeting of the Officers and members of the Economic Conference on the 27th March 1914, to meet gentlemen interested in the development of Industries in the Bangalore City, (I too was I was at the time as an invitant in the hospital) I brought this

this matter to the notice of Dewan Saheb and the Conference both orally and in writing, through the Secretary of Commercial Association, as I have the honor of being a member thereof Three and half months have elapsed since the date of my first application and nothing has come off yet In the meanwhile I have seen the Municipal Vice-President once, written to him twice and tendered a legal requisition once, but all to no avail

2 A large amount due to me has been withheld by the Municipality to the detriment of business, which is in consequence deteriorating day after day In reply to a legal requisition, the Municipality assert that no refund can be granted under the rules and the grant of 75% thereof is a concession The best legal opinion available assures me on the other hand the illegality of such withholding under the rules in existence This point has not been decided by the Government I am not in a position in my turn to decide whether I should keep the Factory within Municipal limits or should shift it to a place outside the Municipality I am placed in a peculiar predicament, wherein, for fear of losing thousands of rupees if refund of whole or part should be disallowed by the Government, I could not venture to import tobacco for work The work is almost at a stand still owing to this fear In my particular case,

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THE CITY TOBACCO CO, BANGALORE CITY Dated 191

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speedy injustice is better than tardy justice, but whether justice or injustice, both are denied to me at the hands of Government all these three and half months I do not know where else I have to go seeking for relief If the Government or Municipality should have made up their minds to suppress this Industry by red tape asphyxiation, I crave the indulgence of their saying so at once

3 Dear sir, if you think that my grievance is a real one deserving of public sympathy, will your goodself, representing public voice, speak out, so that those that ought to have, but have not yet, heard my cry, may kindly hear it now and do the needful

Yours faithfully,

Per pro The City Tobacco Company,

Managing Proprietor

BALLABROOIE
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE

D. O. No. 1819

4th July 1914.

My dear Sir,

I find from a reference to the file connected with the complaints of Mr. Aminudin, Proprietor of the 'City Tobacco Company', Bangalore City, that a reply is due from you to the General and Revenue Secretary's letter No.8882/Ml.238-13-2 of the 31st March 1914, on the subject.

As this is a case in which a local industry is concerned, the application seems to deserve liberal treatment, at least as liberal as manufacturers receive in the Civil and Military Station

~~The rules may require alteration~~ ~~At least this is the view which suggests itself to one~~ on a superficial study of the case,

Yours sincerely,

Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana
K.P Puttanna Chetty Esqr,
Bangalore

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REPLY

(To be written on this margin)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE

Dated 1st August *1914*

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Subject.

The Case is duly worked up & submitted (herewith file)

T.A.B.I
3/8/14

The accompanying D.O. letter No 84 dated 29th July from Mr. K.P. Puttanna Chetty regarding the complaints of Mr. Aminuddin, Managing Proprietor of the Bangalore City Tobacco Company, is forwarded to the Secretary, General and Revenue Departments The case may be worked up and submitted in the usual course early

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D. O. No. 2.1691

Office of the President, Municipal Council,

Bangalore City, dated 29th July 1914.

Dr
No 84
Enc 2

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My Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your D.O. letter No.1819 dated the 4th Instant, regarding the complaints of Mr. Amonudin, Managing Proprietor of the Bangalore City Tobacco Company. I enclose herein copy of my letter No. 11 dated the 9th idem to the Revenue and General Secretary to Government in reply to his letter No. 8882/Ml.238-13-2 dated the 31st March last.

2. It will be seen therefrom that the only concession enjoyed by the Tobacco Company in the Civil and military Station is that the premises of the Company are treated as a Bonded Warehouse and the Company pay the charges of an establishment at a monthly cost of Rs 87/- for supervising the import of raw tobacco into the Factory and the export of manufactured goods from it.

This arrangement exempts the Company from payment of duty on raw tobacco at the time of its import, duty being recovered only on goods issued from the Factory for local consumption within the Civil and Military Station.

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Copy of letter No. 11 dated the 9th July 1914 from the Honorary President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore, to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Department, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No. 8882/M1 238-13-2 dated the 31st March last enquiring if the Bangalore Tobacco Company is prepared to meet the cost of certain establishment, under sections 16 and 23 of the Octroi Bye-laws, as in the case of the Imperial Cigarette Factory" in the Civil and Military Station, for supervising the import of raw tobacco and export of manufactured goods, and calling for a report in case the Company are agreeable to the conditions prescribed to them by the Municipality in the matter, I have the honor to state that a minimum establishment at a monthly cost of ₹ 23/- consisting of one mutsaddy on ₹ 9/- and two peons at ₹ 7/- each was proposed to be employed at the cost of the Company for the purpose of watching their imports and exports. The Managing Proprietor, Mr. Ameenudin, did not agree to comply with the terms of rules 16 and 23 of Octroi Bye-laws, but offered to make a deposit of ₹ 300/- under section 9 of the said Bye-laws.

2. Mr. Ameenudin has been importing every year, on an average 3,863 maunds of tobacco, the Octroi duty on which amounts to ₹ 11,589/-. Considering this large sum, the deposit of ₹ 300/- offered by him is too low. Even if a larger deposit of say ₹ 1,000/- is insisted upon and payment of the same accepted by the Company, the procedure will not be advantageous to the Municipality as the Company would take the tobacco to their place of business and not deposit it in the Bonded Ware house as at present and there would be no data for checking their transactions.

3. Payment of refund on the exported manufactured goods is opposed to the Bye-laws and standing orders, as already represented in this office letter No. 261 dated the 1st March 1914 The Managing Committee recommended the granting of refund to be stopped as being unauthorised. The Municipal Council in order

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order to encourage the industry however, proposed to grant a refund of ½ of the duty paid on the locally manufactured cigarettes exported from the City. In the Civil and Military Station, no such concession is shown to the "Imperial Tobacco Company" by the Municipality, but they are required to maintain an establishment at their own cost amounting to Rs 87/- a month for supervising the import of raw tobacco and export of the manufactured goods. The above arrangement exempts the Company from paying Octroi duty on tobacco at the time of import but it is levied only on manufactured goods issued from the factory for local consumption, within the Civil and Military Station, the goods exported to places beyond the station limits being covered by free passes granted at the factory on payment of one anna in each case. The "Imperial Tobacco Company" seem to feel no inconvenience under the above arrangement and the entire system appears to work smoothly and satisfactorily in the Civil and Military Station.

4. Mr. Ameenudin, while not agreeing to entertain at his expense a small staff costing Rs 23/- a month demurs also to receive a refund of ½ of duty paid on the tobacco which is converted into cigarettes and exported, although the grant of such refund was decided to be made only as a special case, by way of concession to a local industry. In these circumstances, any further complaint on the part of Mr. Ameenudin appears to be unreasonable. In the interest of both the Company and the Municipality, he should either allow his place of business to be treated as a Bonded Ware-House by employing a small establishment proposed to watch and take note of the Company's transactions or accept a refund of ½ of the duty paid on all exported goods. A copy of the Managing Committee's resolution dated the 20th June 1914 on the question is herewith forwarded for the information and orders of Government.

Sd. K.P. Puttanna Chetty,
Honorary President.

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Statemcnt showing the amount of duty recovered on Tobacco from and that refunded, to the Manager, City Tobacco Co , Bangalore from 1st July 1908 to 31st December 1912

Year	Amount recovered			Amount refunded			Net Balance			Remarks
	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	
1908-09	3,734	0	1	3,661		1	72	12	0	
1909-10	7,239	7	6	7,235	3	0	4	4	6	
1910-11	15,368	15	8	15,326	13	3	42	2	5	*Forfeited by the Co by not - claiming it in -- time
1911-12	12,054	13	10	12,050	14	1	3	15	9	
1st half year of 1912-13	5,079	0	0	5,079	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	43,476	5	1	43,353	2	5	123*	2	8	

Dated 2nd March 14

(sd) B Ramaswamiah
For Hon President

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For Hon President

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(Ind.)

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File No 268

FILE HEADING

Complaints of the proprietor of the City Tobacco Company Bangalore

From

Mr D V Gundappa Editor of the Karnataka

No Dated Received 27/6/14

Diary No 95-94	Enclos	Spare Copies	Serial No

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Forwards for disposal complaint need for publication from Mr Annamalai Proprietor of the City Tobacco Company against the delay on the part of Govt in the disposal of his petition about refund of excise duty levied on tobacco imported

NOTES AND ORDERS

by the factory & exported outside in the form of cigarettes

2) This was received from the Private Secretary to the Dewan for a note on 26/6/14

3) Secy's order thereon The required note should be submitted in 3 days (Sd) B N V 29/

4) Asst Secy's direction. B & W Please submit within the prescribed time (Sd) Asst 1/7/14

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5) The case has been fully noted upon in this Municipality & a report is now from the Resident & Council Bangalore City. A letter has again been addressed to them to submit it punctually

6) The facts of the case are briefly as follows —

(1) The City Tobacco Co. was started early in 1907 & manufacture & sale of goods commenced from about March 1908 The Factory could not be licensed as a bonded Warehouse as the Proprietor declined to furnish a cash security of Rs 1000/- now could he be exempted from the production of goods for inspection at the Octroi Office as the cash security of Rs 500/- offered was considered insufficient when compared with the magnitude of the business & the proprietor was allowed a storage room in the bonded warehouse & to pay duty from time to time on the quantity removed to the manufactory, claiming refund on the quantity exported out of the City in bond

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form of cigarette stamp & dutch

(II) In March 1911 Mr Ammuddin complained against the action of some Ind officers in searching for purpose of identification, the examination of many box of cigarettes and the respondent from whom a report was called for in the matter reported that no intimation was issued to the Collector of Ind taxes that it would be supplied that one or two packages were examined at random & that reasonably the correspondence was simply recorded.

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(III) As it was found upon investigation that the amount was not covering any benefit from the factory, not even the due revenue on the goods locally consumed, the Ind Council resolved that instead of allowing a full refund on exports 75 p c should be granted It is against this resolution that Mr Ammuddin has now complained to Govt

(IV) Mr Ammuddin was given

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Vide page 1 of the Note to the file (in letter X 1)

a hearing more than one & the President requested to take suitable action to bring factory on a par with a similar institution in the C P & Berar & a report is due before the end of this month.

(V) Mr. Amrut Rao's allegation that bye-laws were revised without due notice is not warranted as all formalities required by the Reg. have been duly observed.

Page 21 of the Note to the file and 285-13

(VI) It will be seen from the President's report that during the 5 years ending with 1912-13 & the pond duty of Rs 50092-13-1 & the Tehsildars have in the form of refund the whole of the amount.

Vide President's report

(VII) The Ind Council have yet to make bye-laws in the matter of refunds to be made when articles imported are exported free from being charged. The present bye-laws do not as it contemplate refund in case of the kind. In Bombay

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no refund is allowed on the export of goods which bear such import charges from, with certain exceptions to be decided by the Local Council concerned in the Note to Govt. Does it is observed that wheat ground into flour & tobacco made into snuff & the duties and customs of articles entering octroi limits being consumed or manufactured there into a different article. :

(VIII) With regard to the notes published in the Karnataka of the 28th January 1913 addressed to by the Inspector in his letter to the Editor, the Local Council [illegible] have sent a copy of their letter the 25th para of the Govt. Council was addressed to [illegible] charges of [illegible] the position has been given the fullest consideration

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	is clear by the wording of the Government order that no fresh orders have been passed regarding the Board's proposal to transfer the Income Tax Office to Simla as in a similar case in the Customs. There appears to be no ground to reopen the case
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	10) Vide D.O. to Mr Puttanna Chetty No 1819 dated 4th July and his reply thereto No 824 dt 29th July - Also Devanic note dated 1 8 14 - 9/8
	11) D.O. Mr Puttanna Chetty No 1879 dt 4 7 14 Requests him to expedite the submission of his reply to Int 288-13). 2 dt 31 3 14
	12) From DO to Diwan No. 8429 7 14 (D 1086) Enclosing a copy of his demi-official letter of even date through every possible Concession is being shown but Government does not accept the factory being treated as a bonded Warehouse or to receive a refund of 75% of the duty as ordered by the Int Council

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13	This was received with an order from the Bureau as to the Case may be worked up & submitted in the usual Course early 4. The case has been worked up in the books file, and DS 61 3/87m Thos 7/8

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